

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
H. S. WEATHER BUREAU
July 15, 1918. Part cloudy.
Four hours. Highest, 90.
Temperature 55 to 85. Max.
81. Weather, Cloudy.

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All Meals Mention and One Wheatless

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GERMANS RENEW ASSAULTS USING NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN Americans Repulse All Attacks And Take Fifteen Hundred Prisoners

BATTLE STILL RAGES UPON FRONT OF SIXTY-FIVE MILES WITH NO IMPORTANT GAINS

First Day Of Fighting Is Clearly Favorable To Allies And Immense Losses Avail For Nothing

PARIS, July 16—(Associated Press)—Attacking along a front of sixty-five miles, swinging forward a force estimated at nine hundred thousand men, the Germans at midnight of Sunday launched their expected great offensive. Reports from the various headquarters last night indicated that the enemy is being held at all points and that the offensive so far has been a colossal failure.

The battle at midnight last night was proceeding fiercely, the line swaying backwards and forwards, with the Germans seeking to press on regardless of losses but making no appreciable headway at any point.

LONG BATTLE LINE

The battleline extends from the tip of the Marne salient, where the Americans are holding the line, to a point nearly forty miles east of Rheims, the heaviest fighting being on each wing.

East of Rheims the French and Italians are presenting a stone wall defense, against which the German thousands are hurling themselves in vain.

Between Rheims and the Marne the enemy has pushed forward through the first lines of defense, but are being held now and are only holding what they have won in the face of a terrific shell and machine gun fire, in which their losses are heavy.

AMERICANS FIGHT NOBLY

The notable successes of the day were won by the Americans, who fought two terrific battles, smashing the offensive at Vaux and holding the Germans back with heavy losses, and coming back south of the Marne, east of Chateau Thierry, and defeating the Huns in a smashing counter attack, in which they captured between a thousand and fifteen prisoners, including the entire staff of the Tenth German Brigade.

The city of Rheims itself, which forms the angle of the Entente line and is about in the center of the great battlefront, is not being attacked, and while the enemy's plans have not yet developed to a point where they can be known, it appears that an effort is being made to envelop this city and salient. So far the effort has produced nothing for the Germans, while their losses have been prodigious.

MEET STONE WALL

From Rheims east the Germans found an "irreducible defense" which threw back their successive assaults without budging. Wave after wave of German infantry was sent forward, following four hours of intense bombardment but in few instances did the enemy succeed in reaching the Italian-French lines and in no instance did they gain and hold a foothold. Where the French barrage was pierced, the enemy was mowed down by machine gun and rifle fire and ejected from every section of the trench line into which they managed to break. The fighting all along this eastern half of the battleline is still proceeding, with the French and Italians, and the few British battalions holding certain points, confident of being able to check each fresh onslaught.

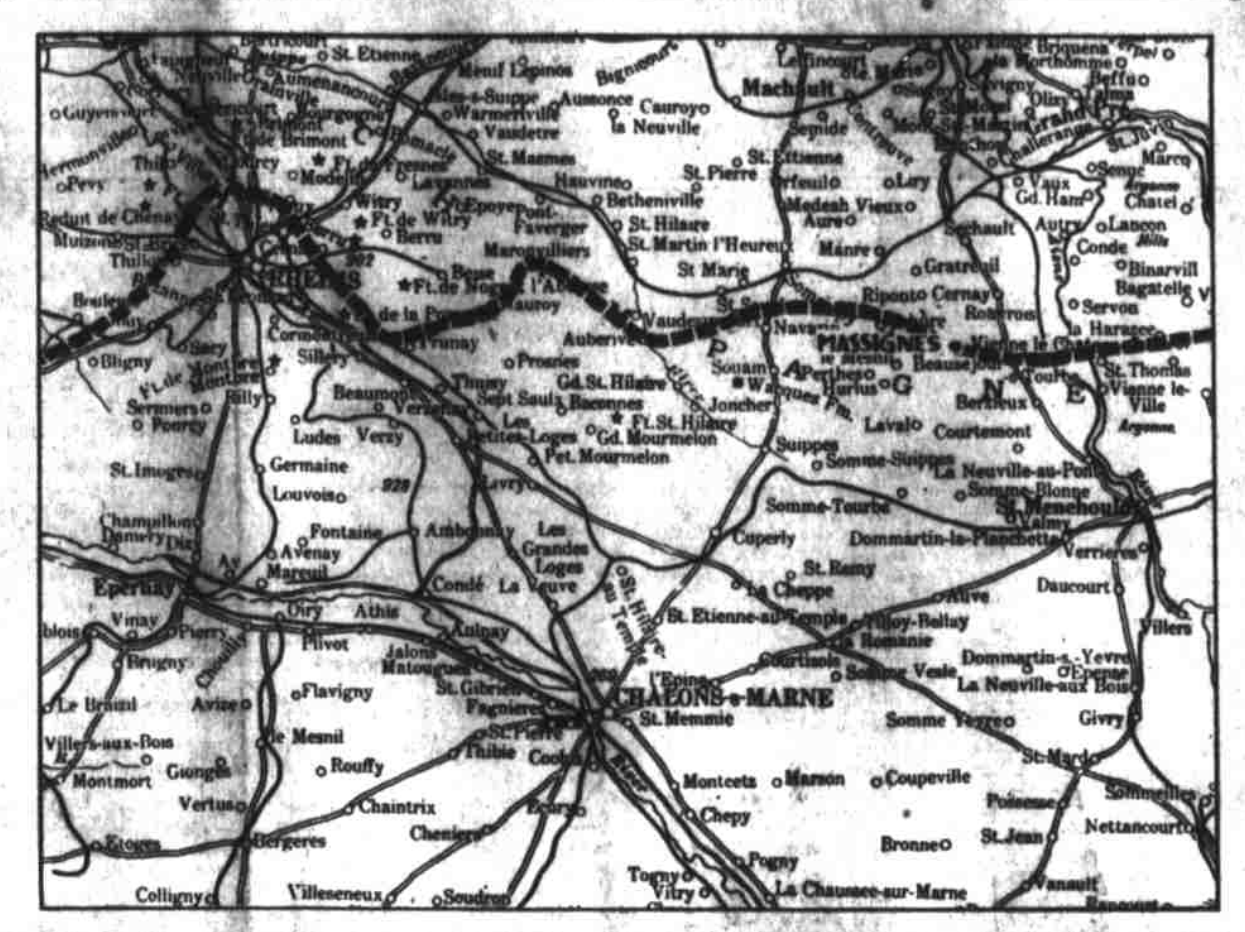
FRENCH DEFENSE STALWART

On the line running southwest from Rheims to the Marne the French have given ground, being pressed back from their line by the initial force of the drive. The defensive system along this section of the front is unaffected, however, and from early morning on the Germans were held all along the sector.

AMERICANS SHOW METAL

From Chateau Thierry east to Verneuil, along the Marne, the Germans managed to cross the river in several places, in the face of a staggering machine gun fire from the American Marines. Overpowering the American outpost positions, where the gunners and infantrymen stood their ground until killed, the Germans managed to push the Americans back for some distances. Re-

WHERE GERMANY IS STRIKING WITH NEARLY A MILLION MEN—Map of the Rheims-Argonne sector, showing the Cathedral City and Meuse, a great German drive has been held, and (below) the Rheims-Marne line, along which the Americans have smashed the initial force of the Huns' offensive, signally defeating a heavy German force and capturing many prisoners. The Americans hold the tip of the Marne salient, only forty-seven miles away from Paris, and here guard the approaches to the French capital.



RETREAT GROWS INTO FLIGHT IN ALBANIA WHERE LINE IS JOINED

Further Successes Against Austrians Strengthen Positions of French and Italians and Enemy Is in Disorder

POSSIBLE OFFENSIVE IN ITALY PERCEIVED

Foe Is Busy Reconnoitering and Launches One Attack Which Is Broken Down and Shattered By Italians

NEW YORK, July 16—(Associated Press)—Continued successes are reported from the Entente front in the East. The French and Italian lines in Albania have been brought into contact and the pursuit of the enemy is continued, the retreat having become a flight.

On the Italian front there were strong indications, from the activities of the foe, of a resumption of offensive by the Austro-Hungarian forces with German reinforcements.

In Albania the Italian and French forces are pushing steadily forward, said last night's official reports from Paris. "Our pursuit column has reached the outskirts of Chekimi and Cruija and is meeting only slight opposition. Many prisoners are being taken."

"Our right has now joined the Italian left which occupies the heights of Cafa Darza."

Encounters with reconnoitering parties were active between the slopes of Saisso Rosso and the Brenta River all day yesterday and there were a number of encounters with our patrols.

"At Cornone the enemy attacked in some force but the assault broke down under our fire and was repulsed."

"Our fliers yesterday downed six enemy machines."

COTTON INDUSTRY EXPANDS STEADILY

Figures Issued By Census Bureau Show Healthy Conditions For Fiscal Year

WASHINGTON, July 15—(Official)—Figures on the enormous cotton industry of the country were today issued by the census bureau showing a steady expansion of the industry and the present supply on hand. During the United States 527,464 running bales of cotton and for the eleven preceding months the consumption was 6,049,544 bales.

As to stocks on hand the report shows that on June 30 there was on hand in consuming establishments 1,602,922 bales and in the public stores 1,402,403, a year ago.

June imports were 40,194 bales compared with 26,131 for the same month of 1917 and exports were 273,202 as compared with 245,709.

SAMMIES SHATTER ENEMY PLANS WITH MACHINE GUN FIRE

WASHINGTON, July 16—(Associated Press)—Officials here are highly elated at the news that American forces are successfully meeting and throwing back the heaviest attacks of the Germans in their new offensive, an attempted drive against Paris with the forces of the United States holding the important Chateau Thierry sector which they had flattened out before the new assault was launched. Here they are holding back the foe at the nearest point to Paris, the evident ultimate objective. Reports from the American headquarters, from Paris and from London all are significant of distinguished gallantry on the part of the American forces.

Sammies Victorious

Called upon to meet attacks in force, attacked by wave upon wave of apparently innumerable grey clad foes, the American forces yesterday, in the Marne sector, hurled back the enemy and last night had them well in check.

Heavy artillery fire along the Marne front Sunday and a spirited engagement witnessed the real attack which was launched at daylight yesterday morning. On Sunday the Americans repulsed a heavy enemy attack at Vaux and advanced their own lines for seven hundred yards in the face of it, taking twenty-eight prisoners. Later they fell back to their former positions for strategic reasons. The American barrage broke up the waves that were sent against them.

Assault Launched

Throughout the night the enemy had maintained a terrific shelling of the front. At daylight the infantry attack was launched at Chateau Thierry and especially against Vaux, close by. The whole line was a dense mass of gas and smoke, illumined by the bursting of other shells. There was a roaring cannonade and the staccato rifle and machine gun fire was incessant. Before the first attack of the infantry, the Americans gave some ground but they were reinforced and countered, singing and cheering as they attacked. The first results were undetermined but the counter drive off the enemy and the Americans are said to have advanced their own lines several hundred yards.

Slaughter Enormous

Letting the Germans draw near in their wave attacks which followed the American counter the American machine gunners would then open fire with appalling slaughter.

The enemy bridged the Marne but were driven back by the withering fire of the Americans and their attack broke down under the fire counters of the Sammies.

The Germans first bridged and crossed the Marne at Big Beal and here American gunners and infantry men died where they stood, bravely fighting, while others strategically fell back, to return once more in desperate counters.

Wearing their gas masks the American machine gunners advanced into the thick clouds of gas and smoke meeting the attack of the advancing foe before it reached the American lines.

Foe Is Upset

Despatches from American headquarters on the Marne last night said that the strong American counter to the south of the river bend took the Germans off their feet, upset them completely and threw them back to the railway skirting the Marne southwest of Jaulgonne. The new positions taken by the American forces are being successfully held and in this counter four hundred prisoners were taken including a major and two captains.

Last evening the German fire had diminished in violence and the Vaux district, where the fight was hottest throughout the day, was comparatively calm although there was heavy fighting along the American right.

Efficient Gun Fire

American machine gunners along the river caused the collapse of the enemy's plans. They stuck to their guns and only withdrew when the guns got too hot to fire and then they were replaced by others. A group of these machine gunners piled up high heaps of German dead along the river bank opposite where the foe was striving to build a bridge.

The French commander congratulated the commander of the American troops that repulsed the enemy on the splendid and gallant services that had been rendered.

Offensive Seems Shattered

"From this section, tonight," the report continued, "the offensive seems to be badly shattered. The Americans command the riverfront and the bend of the Marne."

The famous German Tenth tried all day to cross. At nine o'clock to night not a German had passed over.

The Germans, apparently deliberating, tried to shell the American positions near the front and shells fell close to them.

Five German airplanes, disguised as



BRITISH IS FEELING FULL OF OPTIMISM

LONDON, July 16—(Associated Press)—Honor Law, speaking in the House of Commons last night took occasion to pay tribute to the bravery of the American forces and the splendid fighting qualities which they are showing. He announced that the American forces had stood the test, had taken more than a thousand prisoners on the south of the Marne and had driven back the foe. Speaking of the new phase of offensive generally he said:

"The enemy attacked over a front of about ninety kilometers, pretty evenly divided, east and west of Rheims but the city itself was not attacked. West of Rheims the enemy penetrated the front lines of the Allies defense to an average depth of four or five kilometers on a front of thirty six kilometers. On the east of Rheims they suffered a complete check."

British army officers and military observers are highly optimistic and so expressed themselves last night after reading the official reports of the first day of the most recent phase of offensive. They point to the fact that even where the Germans made their greatest gains they were unable to reach the high ground to the south of the Marne.

It is estimated that at least sixty German army divisions participated in the attacks of yesterday.

While it is conceded the efforts of the enemy will surely be continued the first day's results are regarded as a distinct success for the Allies.

An official issued by the war office last night said the British lines at Villers Bretonneux were slightly advanced and 328 prisoners taken in an engagement on Sunday.

BRAZIL WANTS PLANS FOR NEW WOODEN SHIPS

WASHINGTON, July 15—(Official)—Brazil has asked for wooden ship plans as a preliminary to the undertaking of building a merchant marine for the Brazilian flag. The plans have been furnished promptly by the United States.

CASUALTIES REPORTED TO MONDAY MORNING

WASHINGTON, July 15—(Associated Press)—The casualty list made public by the war department shows: killed in action, fourteen; died of wounds, seven; of disease, seven; of other causes, one; severely injured, twenty-eight; missing, three.

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